

November  
2024

# United in Faith News

## NOVEMBER

*Why are we  
Here?  
We are to be  
God's  
hands,  
feet and  
voice  
in the  
world.*



From the desk of . . .

*Pastor Jeanine*



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

You may remember this verse from your youth!

*We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee. -William Walsham How*

Stewardship: "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care"  
Miriam-Webster Dictionary

As Christians we proclaim that everything we see, know, and are is a gift from God. And we are called to care for something that will go on after us. I find this proclamation both comforting and challenging.

Every November, the Stewardship Committee asks us to prayerfully consider the wealth God provides each of us and in gratitude lift a token of that back to God's work in the world.

Every November we scratch numbers on note cards and place them in the plate. We offer a projection of our tithe of time, talents, and financial resources, and we pray that these numbers are transformed into a reflection of God's love to our neighbors.

Superficially these cards serve to form a foundation for United in Faith's budget for the coming year, allowing us to support our combined ministry to this place in the form of our building and staff. Yet we know that the numbers on our cards don't cover predecessor congregations and the loving gifts made to United in Faith.

It might be tempting to overlook this opportunity to consider your wealth, or dismiss it as too small to share. I hope you don't. I hope you recognize the power that God has provided you where you live. The power to see need in your neighbor and share God's blessing. The power to offer loving comfort, attention or regard. The power to connect neighbor to resource and hope.

As you prayerfully consider God's abundance in your life, write it down. Consider how you can share a fraction of that gift with your community and your church. Bring that notecard. Put it in the offering plate and let us add our prayers to it.

Let us give thanks as a community for God's blessings in our shared lives this November.

Peace,  
*Pastor Jeanine*

At  
United in Faith,  
The Guiding  
Principles are:

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Jesus is  
Lord and  
**Savior**

+

Reflect  
God's **Love**

+

Pray and  
**listen** for God's  
guidance

+

Continue to  
strengthen  
**faith**

+

Include **All**  
in God's  
work

+

Meet people  
**where they  
are**

## A Non-traditional Blessing

May God bless you with **discontent** with easy answers, half-truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live from deep within your heart.

May God bless you with **anger** at injustice, oppression, abuse, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with **tears** to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and to change their pain to joy.

May God bless you with the **foolishness** to think you can make a difference in this world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

If you have the courage to accept these blessings, then God will also bless you with: **happiness**—because you will know that you have made life better for others

**inner peace**—because you will have worked to secure an outer peace for others

**laughter**—because your heart will be light

**faithful friends**—because they will recognize your worth as a person.

These blessings are yours—not for the asking, but for the giving—from One who wants to be your companion, our God, who lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.

Sister Ruth Fox, OSB



**SET YOUR CLOCKS to FALL BACK on NOVEMBER 3, 2024**



<b>Nov 4</b>	Grace Jewell
<b>Nov 5</b>	Steve Chobot
<b>Nov 11</b>	Zachary LaCour
<b>Nov 20</b>	Lorraine Enderle
<b>Nov 24</b>	Maya Powell
<b>Nov 26</b>	Kara Escalante
<b>Nov 30</b>	Harold Edmonson

United in Faith Lutheran Church  
Treasurer's Report – September, 2024

Nine Months  
Ended  
9/30/24

Unrestricted:

Income (excluding investment activity)	\$ 251,340
Expenditures	<u>348,917</u>
Income over (under) expenditures	\$ (97,777)
Investment Income and changes in market value	36,785
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted net assets	\$ (60,992)

Educational Endowment:

Investment Income and changes in market value	\$ 35,897
Scholarships paid out	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Educational net assets	\$ 35,897

Harriet Kurz Endowment:

Thrivent Investment income and changes in market value	\$ 11,435
ELCA Fund A Investment income and changes in market value	<u>31,036</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Harriet Kurz Endowment net assets	\$ <u>42,471</u>
<u>Increase (Decrease) in Total net assets</u>	\$ 17,376

Comments:

2024 income from church operations excluding Special Gifts is lower than spending by \$25,455 in September and lower by \$289,383 YTD.

Income includes \$191,606 in Special Estate gifts from:

Anita Perske - \$ 1,727 in January 2024  
Dorothy Goos - \$ 3,057 in February 2024  
Rev. Rarthel - \$ 695 in September 2024  
Harriet Kurz - \$183,345 in June 2024, \$2,782 in September 2024

Investments returned a gain of \$8,392 for September & a gain of \$79,256 YTD.  
Educational Investments returned a gain of \$4,241 for Sept. & a gain of \$35,897 YTD.

Total expenses for Sept are unfavorable to budget by \$3,993 and are favorable to budget by \$8,132 YTD due to the Administrative YTD costs being lower than budget by \$2,839 the YTD Building costs being higher than budget by \$5,351; 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Benevolence not yet being paid (\$3,750) & the Ministry Directors YTD costs being lower than budget by \$5,637.

# In Honor of Native American Heritage Month:

## Chicago Dream

Is it real or am I living a dream- is this great metropolis, Chicago?  
I am amazed, I am humbled by the awesome beauty of the city.  
Beauty even in the ugly. It's so complex:  
Beauty in architectural structures,  
ugliness in the decay of once proud buildings  
As I stroll in the Loop, I see such a contrast-  
the wealthy, the middle class, the homeless, on State Street, Michigan Avenue-  
A woman in her sable fur,  
the battered woman pushing a grocery cart filled with her worldly possessions.  
Wearing two or three dresses, several jackets, and a tattered coat,  
shoes old and several sizes too large.  
Now look over there at Buckingham Fountain- Isn't it beautiful?  
Travel north to the endless beaches of Lake Michigan.  
Now look back...  
Ah, the beauty of the skyline, skyscrapers overwhelm the sky  
piercing low-lying clouds with tenderness.  
Michigan Avenue, the million-dollar mile,  
The Gold Coast, Lakeshore Drive, home of the privileged wealthy.  
Travel south to Maxwell Street, the poor man's Marshall Field's.  
Cottage Grove, decaying brownstone buildings, tenements, housing projects.  
Look east, Chicago Art Institute, Soldiers Field,  
Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Science and Industry, Navy Pier.  
The sun shines on the multitude of swimmers, sunbathers,  
all shapes, all sizes, all colors, gorgeous tans, brick-red sunburns.

In winter, harsh winds blowing away white-headed waves,  
assaulting the beach with fury.  
As I walk down the street, I play a game with myself.  
I walk with my head down. I look at people's feet.  
I guess, I try to imagine what they look like above.  
I'm a people watcher.  
There are so many ethnic groups here,  
marvelous faces portraying life,  
the masks of tragedy and comedy reflected in the faces of the masses.  
I see many that could have been me:  
the successful person alive within himself,  
or the pushcart lady alone with fears and doubts.  
Which is me or am I a little of both,  
as we are all a part of everyone.  
Chicago holds all the pieces of human life.  
If I feel depressed, sad, or lonely,  
I only have to look at the skyline of Chicago.  
It overwhelms me, it embraces my soul with hope.  
Yes, I am living in a dream, my dream  
here in Chicago.

Jeanne La Traille (Oneida)



## ST. CYPRIANS FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOU!!

### FOOD COLLECTION HOLIDAY NEEDS:

Chicken Broth  
Stuffing  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Cake Mixes and Frosting and Boxed Desserts  
Canned Yams  
Jello Instant Pudding  
Packaged Corn Bread or bread Mixes

St. Cyprians Food Pantry is collecting these items from  
November 1, 2024 until December 17, 2024

St. Cyprians Food Pantry  
6535 W Irving Park Road  
773-283-9178



## GIRL SCOUT HAPPENINGS AT UNITED IN FAITH

How can it be November already? We had our Fall Product sale, and the Juniors and Cadettes/Seniors will be going to Juniper Knoll this month. It will be the first time for most of the Juniors to go to camp - It should be fun!

We are slowly rebuilding our Brownie/Daisy troop. Colleen and Dawn are working with the younger girls. Colleen was one of Annette's Scouts and has come back to help us. If you know anyone with girls in the area who might be interested in Girl Scouts please send them our way!

Earlier in the month we had about 30 girls from our neighborhood for our annual Juliette Low Rally. The fun continues!

*Janeen, Sharon, Catherine, Michelle, Colleen and Dawn.*

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY...**

Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Sunday. Please join us at 10:00 am as we celebrate those who are no longer with us, but remain in our hearts forever.

Please bring a photo or memento of your special love one to be included in our assembly of the great cloud of witnesses. We will remember them by name during worship.

## **HAPPY 100!!!!**

Happy 100th birthday to Lorraine Enderle on November 20!!

In celebration of this incredible milestone, we are asking all United in Faith members to send a card to Lorraine to help her celebrate her birthday.

Cards and well wishes may be sent to Lorraine Enderle

10 N Summit Ave.

Room # 465

Park Ridge, IL 60068



## **PHILANTHROPY TEAM TO FORM**

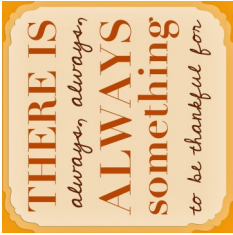
Friends, we have been blessed to receive a substantial final gift from Harriet Kurz's estate. As of this writing the process is closing, and a final disbursement is being made. Council agreed that a portion of that gift should be tithed and used immediately for God's good work. Council has determined that we should seek insight and suggestions from the whole congregation.

Because our living faith, our Trinitarian God and God's Good News calls us to be in relationship with each and with our neighbors rather than one-time gifts, preference will be given to places where on-going partnerships and relationships might involve United in Faith members and mutual interests.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please let pastor know this month!

## **MANY THANKS...**

A HUGE Thank you to the UIF Property Committee and Pastor Jeanie for all the work to update the paint and carpet in the office and lounge areas of the church! Everything looks great! Thanks, also, to everyone who helped (and continues to help) get the rooms back in order and artwork hung!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	<b>28</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>29</b> 10:00am Rebels Bingo 6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Rebels Bingo	<b>1</b> 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Girl Scout Service Unit 286	<b>2</b> 9:30am Al-Anon 1:00pm Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- <a href="https://siawso.org">https://siawso.org</a>
<b>3</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	<b>4</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 1:00pm Ladies Discussion Group	<b>5</b> 10:00am Rebels Bingo 6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Rebels Bingo	<b>8</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>9</b> 9:30am Al-Anon 1:00pm Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- <a href="https://siawso.org">https://siawso.org</a>
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## Worship Schedule

### November and December

PLEASE JOIN US  
EVERY SUNDAY  
FOR WORSHIP  
AT 10:00 AM  
in person or  
livestreamed on  
Facebook: UIFLC  
or YouTube

#### NOV 3 - ALL SAINTS

9:00 Coffee Hour  
10:00 In-Person Worship Service

#### NOV 10 - Pentecost 25

9:00 Coffee Hour  
10:00 In-Person Worship Service

#### NOV 17 - Pentecost 26 and Giving Sunday

9:00 Coffee Hour  
10:00 In-Person Worship Service

#### NOV 24 - CHRIST THE KING

9:00 Coffee Hour  
10:00 In-Person Worship Service



#### DEC 1 - Advent 1

9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:00 AM In-Person Worship

#### DEC 8 - Advent 2

9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:00 AM In-Person Worship

#### DEC 15 - Advent 3

9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:00 AM In-Person Worship

#### DEC 22 - Advent 4

9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:00 AM In-Person Worship

#### DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS DAY EVE TBA

#### DEC 25—CHRISTMAS DAY TBA

#### DEC 29 - Christmas 1

9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:00 AM In-Person Worship

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